# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT OF LABOUR CONTRACTOR
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a): whether the Government has issued any guidelines for the oil companies which forbid the duration of appointment for labour contractor at Jubilee and COCO Retail Outlets beyond a definite time span; and

(b): if so, the total number of such Jubilee and COCO Retail Outlets where the contractors have been appointed for more than 6 months, 12 months and 18 months respectively alongwith the reasons therefore?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)&(b): Ministry vide letter dated 6.9.2006 has issued broad guidelines for operation of retail outlets on Company-Owned-Company-Operated (COCO) basis. These guidelines provide the following:-

(i) Permanent COCO retail outlets are to be operated by public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) by their own officers.

(ii) Existing temporary COCOs to be phased out within one year except in special circumstances, like court cases, complaints, etc.

(iii) Selection of labour contractors shall be in an open and transparent manner and through advertisement only.

(iv) Labour contractorship may preferably be given for a period of 3 years in the first instance, instead of earlier system of giving for one-year period. After 3 years, the same may be advertised again for selection.